Statement

Information regarding cases of rape and dowry death reported during 2001 to 2004

Sl. N	Year	Rape		Dowry death	
		Cases reported during the year	Cases per day	Cases reported during the year	Cases per day
1.	2001	16075	44	6851	19
2.	2002	16373	45	6822	19
3.	2003	15847	43	6208	17
4.	2004	16875	46	6006	16

Note:—Figures for 2004 does not include data of Bihar due to its non-availability and are provisional.

Education loans

2696. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Advisory Board for Education has made a strong plea to the commercial banks offering loans for education, as it observed that the beneficiaries of the existing loan system are from rich-affluent families; and

(b) whether the CABE has urged Government to set up a Higher Education Finance Corporation, on the lines of Swaminathan Committee recommendations, to ensure disbursement of loans only to the needy and deserving students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The CABE Committee on Financing of Higher and Technical Education in its report, has recommended to set up a body like Higher Education Finance Corporation (HEFC) with contributions from the government and corporate sector, to coordinate the student loan schemes being operated by several banks and to provide on its own scholarships and soft loans to students. Scholarships need to be an important areas of focus. Both scholarships and loans are to be designed in such a way that economically needy and meritorious students feel assured of the financial assistance.